[English]

Gas Pipeline to Srinagar

723. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to lay a gas pipeline from Mathura to Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) No gas has been allocated to any project in Jammu and Kashmir.

Security Deposit

724. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of charging the amount as security deposit from the consumers/public for providing new LPG connections and the manner in which this amount is utilised by the Government;

(b) the total amount of security deposit with the Government upto 31st December, 1996;

(c) whether any proposal to pay interest on such security deposit on the lines of Ministry of Telecommunications is under consideration of the Government or whether Government propose to consider such proposal;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (c) The deposit is taken by the oil companies as security against LPG equipment loanded to the customer and is refundable as and when the equipment is surrendered.

The deposit is utilised to maintain adequate inventory of LPG equipment in usable condition at all times so as to service the customer's requirements. On an average 1.5 cylinder per customer is required to be maintained by the oil companies for servicing their requirements.

(b) As on 31.12.1996, the security deposit collected by oil companies was about Rs.2386 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Setting up of New Electronic Industries

725. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new electronic industries set up in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) whether these companies have signed agreements with foreign countries; and

(c) if so, the names thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) According to available information during 1995 and 1996, 12 units have been approved for manufacture of electronic items under Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP), Software Technology Park of India (STPI), Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) and Export Oriented Units (EOU) Schemes. Out of these, 7 units have signed agreements with foreign collaborators. The details are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

Schemewise List of Units set up in U.P. During 95-96

Scheme	Name of Unit	Foreign Collaborator
EHTP		
1.	M/s Allen Bradley India Ltd.	M/s Allen Bradley, USA
2.	M/s S.K. Dynamics (P) Ltd.	
3.	M/s Avadh Exports	
STPI		
1.	M/s Infogain Corpn. (I) Ltd.	M/s Infosoft Inc., USA
DTA		
1.	M/s Bestavision Elect. Ltd.	
2.	M/s HCL Pirot System NV	M/s HCL Pirot System, Netherlands
3.	M/s Powertec Supplies (I)	M/s Laurel Part Investment Ltd., Mauritius
4.	M/s Modi Xerox Ltd.	M/s Rank Xerox Ltd., UK
5.	M/s Onida Savak Ltd.	
6.	M/s Samtel Color Ltd.,	
EOU		
1.	Mr. Rajiv Tuli	M/s Widecom Group Inc. Canada
2.	M/s Electo Electronics	M/s Murtze Centre, Dubai.